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secretary of the interior, presided at the conference, which was held at the suggestion of the secretary of the interior and was composed of representatives from the various executive departments. After a general discussion of the subject under debate, two committees were appointed to go into the matter further and to report to a similar conference to be held at some future date. A committee of five is to consider in detail ways and means for the coordination and procedure work above suggested, and a committee of three is to develop a plan to provide a general clearing house for the dissemination of information among the several executive departments with respect to licenses, shop rights, and titles, which the Government has acquired, or may acquire with respect to patents.

ANNOUNCEMENT is made that it is the policy of the War Department to encourage the development of military inventions by officers, enlisted men and civil employees. In consideration of assistance to be given by the department in the issue of patents, it will require of inventors a license to manufacture and use their inventions for governmental purposes, thereby reserving to the patentee complete freedom and ownership of the patent in its commercial applications. In special cases of inventions of great military importance, however, provision is made for exclusive government ownership and the utmost secrecy.

THE New England Intercollegiate Geological Excursion will be held on October 14 and 15 in the vicinity of Attleboro, Massachusetts, under the leadership of Professor Jay B. Woodworth of Harvard University.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

At a recent meeting of the board of regents of the University of Oregon, it was decided to place contracts immediately for the construction of the new medical school building in Portland. It was also decided to name the medical school building after the late Dr. Robert C. Yenny.

ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY is erecting a new building, 50 x 200 ft., three stories high, as an extension to the medical school. Accommodations will be afforded for the library, reading room, administration offices and the laboratories for physiology, pharmacology and histology. In addition to this the old building is being remodeled so as to give more adequate accommodations to the other departments.

By the will of Seymour T. Coman, of Chicago, the residue of his estate is bequeathed to the University of Chicago for scientific research with special reference to the cause, prevention, and cure of disease. The fund is to be known as the Seymour Coman Research Fund.

At the Harvard Medical School Dr. Alexander Forbes has been promoted to be associate professor of physiology, and Dr. George Cheever Shattuck to be assistant professor of tropical medicine for a one-year term.

MAJOR HUGO DIEMER, formerly professor of industrial engineering at Pennsylvania State College and later personnel superintendent at the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., New Haven, has been appointed director of the industrial management division of LaSalle Extension University, Chicago, Ill. The division includes the resident and correspondence instruction in industrial management efficiency, modern foremanship and production methods and personnel administration, as well as the consulting service in each of these departments.

DR. ARTHUR J. TIEJE, who received his doctorate from the University of Minnesota in 1920, has been appointed assistant professor of geology at the University of Colorado, and assistant geologist on the Colorado Geological Survey.

PROFESSOR MAURICE DEWULF, formerly of the University of Louvain and sometime teacher in Harvard and Lowell lecturer, has accepted a permanent appointment as professor of philosophy at Harvard.